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H. R. 7053

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 28, 1955

Mr. ALGER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Operations

A BILL

To add a new title relating to real property management to the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act
4 of 1949, as amended, is further amended by inserting after
5 section 210 thereof the following new title:

6 “TITLE IIA—REAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

7 “DECLARATION OF POLICY

8 “SEC. 220. The Congress hereby declares that the
9 following provisions of this title are necessary to provide for

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1 the more effective and efficient management of real property
2 owned or leased by the United States.

3 "RESPONSIBILITY FOR REAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

4 "SEC. 221. (a) Except as hereinafter provided in this
5 title, on and after days after this title takes effect, the
6 Administrator shall have complete authority and responsi-
7 bility with respect to the management of all real property
8 owned or leased by the United States and presently managed
9 by any executive agency, including all matters relating to the
10 acquisition, inventory, maintenance, repair, alteration, pro-
11 tection, inspection, and disposal of such real property. In
12 connection therewith, the Administrator is authorized to
13 establish such standards, prescribe such regulations, and pre-
14 pare and issue such manuals and procedures for the guidance
15 of executive agencies as he deems necessary. The Adminis-
16 trator is further authorized to provide for periodic inspections
17 to determine the extent to which executive agencies have
18 complied with the standards, regulations, manuals, and pro-
19 cedures established, prescribed, or issued by him in connec-
20 tion with the management of such real property, and in the
21 event of the failure of any executive agency to comply there-
22 with, the Administrator is authorized to request the President
23 to issue a directive or take such other action as he deems
24 necessary to assure such compliance.

1 “(b) It shall also be the responsibility of the Admin-
2 istrator to develop and establish a long-range policy with a
3 view to accomplishing the following general objectives in
4 connection with the management of public buildings—

5 “(1) the gradual consolidation of the office space
6 occupied by executive agencies in large urban centers
7 into a fewer number of buildings, thereby increasing the
8 ratio of net usable space to gross area, and increasing
9 the flexibility of the assignment of such office space;

10 “(2) the gradual improvement of the quality of the
11 office space occupied by executive agencies, to the extent
12 that such improvement is consistent with economy, in
13 order to improve the morale of Federal employees,
14 reduce the turnover in personnel, and increase the effi-
15 ciency of Government services; and

16 “(3) the relocation of office space occupied by ex-
17 ecutive agencies from high cost areas to other suitable
18 and less costly areas.

19 “APPROPRIATIONS FOR GENERAL-PURPOSE PUBLIC
20 BUILDINGS

21 “SEC. 222. Hereafter all funds for the operation, main-
22 tenance, repair, and alteration of all general-purpose public
23 buildings owned or leased by the United States shall be
24 appropriated directly to the General Services Administra-

1 tion and shall be expended under the direction of the Admin-
2 istrator; except that in the case of any such buildings owned
3 or leased by the United States in foreign countries the funds
4 for their operation, maintenance, repair, and alteration shall
5 be appropriated directly to the Department of State and shall
6 be expended under the direction of the Secretary of State.

7 "BUILDINGS OCCUPIED BY THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

8 "SEC. 223. Hereafter the Administrator shall be respons-
9 ible for the management of all buildings occupied in whole
10 or in part by the Post Office Department; except that the Ad-
11 ministrator may delegate to the Post Office Department the
12 management of any such buildings whenever in his opinion it
13 is more economical or efficient to do so. All funds for the
14 operation, maintenance, repair, and alteration of such build-
15 ings shall be appropriated directly to the General Services
16 Administration and shall be expended under the direction of
17 the Administrator.

18 "EXEMPTIONS

19 "SEC. 224. All provisions of this Act or of any other
20 Act of Congress which directly or indirectly exempt any
21 executive agency from the authority of the General Services
22 Administration or the Administrator of General Services re-
23 lating to real property management are hereby repealed;
24 effective days after this title takes effect; but the Presi-
25 dent may by Executive order prescribe for any executive

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1 agency such specific exemptions from the authority of the
2 General Services Administration or the Administrator of
3 General Services relating to real property management as
4 he deems to be fully justified in the public interest.

5 "REPEALS

6 "SEC. 225. All laws or parts of laws inconsistent with
7 the provisions of this title are hereby repealed."

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